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Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Houston, Elizabeth

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11 July 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, and the appropriate fee, is filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly rewrite Claims 1-62 as follows:*